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DARK DAYS NOW APPEAR FOR ENGLAND

Ladies and Other Civilians Being Ordered From Bloemfontein—News Does Not Augur Well.

A SEVERE LOSS TO BRITISH

If Report is True That the Hussars Are Also Captured—Said to Have Lost to General De Wet.

LONDON, April 9, 4:50 a. m.—When it is borne in mind that all the dispatches from the front are severely censored, there is little in the news to bring satisfaction to England. Assurances that nothing need be feared, even if the railways and telegraphs are cut and Bloemfontein isolated, together with the news that ladies and other civilians are being ordered away, do not augur well.

There are rumors from Cape Town that the telegraph wires were already cut yesterday (Sunday) and also that the Hussars who were sent to the relief of the Royal Irish Rifles are also missing, although these are probably the outcome of Boer exaggerations designed to encourage the Burgers.

The attempt of General Colville to catch the Boer leaders in conference at Heilfontein, failed probably, as usual, because of the lack of cavalry.

Free State in Arms Again.
The results of these serious checks to the British arms is that the whole Free State is up again and that the Boers are full of activity over the entire field.

A related Boer dispatch says that bayonets were being made for the foreign legion under the late General De Villiers Marcell.

The Boers are boasting that the Colburg and Stormberg commandoes numbering six thousand with ten cannons and 750 wagons, have gotten safely through, thus performing a "magnificent strategic feat."

A Boer account of the Bloemfontein water works affair says:

Colonel Broadwood evacuated Thaba N'chu, owing to the advance of Commandant Olivier from the south. The Federal troops found the British camp in peaceful slumber without a sentinel or an outpost to give the alarm. General De Wet immediately placed guns and the commandoes in such positions as to surround the British, who did not have time to recover from their surprise.

British Officers Are Careless.
The Cape Town correspondent of the Times, discussing the affair says:

"All the details only serve to bring out clearly the marvellous cleverness of the Boers, no less than the marvellous carelessness and improvidence of the British officers, whom, it would seem, no series of disasters will ever teach to keep wide awake."

The Boers in Colonel Broadwood's rear, drove his force into the party at the drift exactly as partridges are driven to a gun. At the drift itself as each wagon descended the hollow it was shown which way to drive, so as not to block the convoy. When the guns arrived the trap was all clear again for their reception. As one who was present said, "it was like a clock room. The Boers politely took your rifle and asked you kindly to step to one side. There was nothing else for you to do."

No Sign That Buller is Moving.
The American scout, Burnham, testifies to the terrific pace with which the Boer commandoes cover the ground and the ease with which they move their guns.

The Boers are displaying increased activity in Natal, but there is no sign that General Buller is moving.

Starvation was still besieged on April 1. The garrison was suffering severely from lack of bread, and a mixture of oats, bran and meal was doing for that article, which is described as coarse in substance, of the character of gingerbread and the consistency of Norwegian pine.

Sobobo Killed and Unrest Increasing.
LORENZO MARQUES, Friday, April 6.—A runner who has just arrived here from Sobobo's Kraal, Swaziland, says Sobobo has been killed and his women have been tied up with ropes. Unrest is increasing in the country, which is in a most unsettled state bordering on a reign of terror, in the absence of "white man's law." Many natives have been threatened and in one district they have been completely killed off.

A messenger from Bronwerdorp, Swaziland, says the Boers are making presents to the queen and are seeking permission to pass through Swaziland armed.

McQuezie, the famous old Swazi chief, and two women of his household, with their infants, have been assassinated at McQuezie's Kraal. The kraal was sacked and burned and the chief's son captured.

Numerous bands are marching about, natives and Swazis, and marauding in every direction.

The correspondent found McQuezie's son in charge of two natives who admitted the killing of the chief, but said they had followed orders.

Prisoners Included Many Frenchmen.
BISHOP, Orange Free State, Friday, April 6.—The prisoners captured by the British yesterday and brought in to-day include many Frenchmen. They present a wet and bedraggled appearance.

Lord Methuen has complimented his men on their behavior.

Captains Boyle and Williams, of the yeomanry, and Gen. de Villiers, Marcell were buried to-day with military honors.

The British Suffer Reverses.
MAREBURG, Basutoland, Thursday, April 6.—The re-occupation of Ladybrand, Thaba N'chu and the Bloemfontein water works by the Boers in the very sight of the Basutos who recently witnessed the expulsion of the Boers by the British, is far the most important aspect of the situation here in view of its probable effect upon the native mind.

Already the natives are arguing that the British have suffered reverses and should the British evacuate Weponer, the results, so far as the natives are concerned, are likely to prove disastrous.

All hope to see Gen. Brabant steadily advance and drive the enemy before him.

"WAR WILL SOON END."
The Language of President Steyn. LOURENZO MARQUES, Friday, April 6.—President Steyn, in his address to the Free State volksraad at Kroonstad, on Wednesday, April 4, said the burghers were in a better position than at the commencement of hostilities. He threatened those who had surrendered to the British and announced that the Free State had borrowed half a million dollars from the Transvaal for the purposes of war. England, he declared, had broken every convention.

Referring to the correspondence with Lord Salisbury, he observed:

"The destiny of the republics is in higher hands than those of the British government, namely in the hands of the people of France, Russia and Germany, who are agitating for intervention."

"The war will soon end. If it be true that Boer prisoners have been sent to St. Helena, we would be justified in consigning British prisoners to the lowest depths of the Johannesburg mines."

English had to Retire.
Bethany, Orange Free State, Thursday, April 6.—The five companies of British infantry which were surprised by the Reddersburg commando while marching across the country via De Wetdorp, made a plucky stand, but as the Boers had three field guns and the British none, the latter were compelled to surrender.

Gen. Gatacre arrived too late. Reddersburg was already occupied by the Boers and the enemy are now threatening the lines to the south.

Number of Boer Prisoners Escape.
SIMONSTOWN, Cape Colony, Saturday, April 7.—It now appears that no fewer than thirty Boers escaped from the old camp last evening. Nine have since been recaptured.

The prisoners effected their escape by cutting a fence under the sentry bridge while the sentry was above. A driver of a sanitary car was offered £200 to carry off the prisoners.

Boers Threaten the Railroad.
BLOEMFONTEIN, April 7.—The Boers are reported in force to the south, threatening the railroad, which, however, is strongly protected.

British pickets at Springfield, eight miles distant, were attacked to-day by Boers advancing from the water works. Re-mounts are rapidly arriving. The British are in high spirits and anxious to advance.

Ill Fated Column Not Found.
BETHANY, Saturday, April 7.—Gen. Gatacre's force has returned here without having found any trace of the ill-fated British column captured by the Reddersburg commando.

It is impossible to estimate the British losses, but as the men fought stubbornly, it is presumed that these were large.

Large Capture Reported.
PRETORIA, April 4.—It is officially announced here that at the Bloemfontein water works the Republican forces captured 11 officers and 382 men with 11 guns, two ammunition wagons, other wagons and mules.

The Tunnel Nearly Completed.
SIMONSTOWN, April 7.—A new tunnel has been discovered in the direction opposite to the former one. It had been completed to within five feet of the point for a breach.

Mr. Steyn's Brother Captured.
BLOEMFONTEIN, Sunday, April 8.—Another of Mr. Steyn's brothers was captured near Kamek Siding yesterday, and arrived here to-day.

LEAVES CATHOLIC CHURCH.
Story Afloat That Mrs. Dewey Has Renounced Her Faith.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A report was in circulation here to-night that Mrs. Dewey had left the Catholic church and had become an Episcopalian, but no verification of the rumor could be obtained. Father Mackin, who married the Admiral and his wife, and who is rector of the church, refused to talk concerning the report.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.
Municipal Corporations Cannot Grant Franchises for Exclusive Purposes.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 8.—In an opinion rendered yesterday by Judge Brannon in the case of the Clarkburg Electric Light Company the state supreme court holds that a municipal corporation cannot grant a franchise for exclusive privileges. The decision is very important, inasmuch as it is contrary to the general practice heretofore.

The case was appealed from the circuit court of Harrison county. The Clarkburg Electric Light Company had obtained an injunction restraining the Traders' Annex Company, which had been chartered for the purpose of furnishing electric light to a hotel, operating house and bank building run by it, and to certain private parties, from carrying out its intention; alleging that in December, 1897, it had obtained an exclusive franchise to furnish light, water and other improvements. The injunction was later dissolved by the circuit court, whereupon an appeal was taken to the supreme court.

New Trial Awarded.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 8.—A new trial was awarded yesterday by the supreme court to C. C. Burnett and Moses Burnett, who were convicted of conspiring to murder Joseph Morris, in Fayette county, and sentenced to the penitentiary, the former getting fifteen years for murder in the second degree, and the latter getting five years for manslaughter.

Miss Coghlan Dies.
NEW YORK, April 8.—Emily Coghlan, the actress, sister of Rose and Charles Coghlan, died at Stamford, Conn., early this morning, aged 36 years.

THE AUSTIN POWER HOUSE DESTROYED.

Increased Volume of Water Undermined the Plant Costing Nearly \$2,000,000.

CONSIDERED COMPLETE WRECK

Situation of the City Serious—No Fire Protection or Electric Power. Texas Rivers Falling.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 8.—The increased volume of water which came down the river last night undermined the power house at the dam at 1:30 this morning and it fell into the river, carrying with it \$300,000 worth of machinery.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 8.—Fully 30,000 people gathered to-day at the dam and power house station north of this city to witness the ruins of the plant which cost this city one and three-quarters millions of dollars, a few years ago. The waters of the Colorado river were still plunging and foaming around the wreck, eating away the big pile of granite which once formed the dam, as though it was nothing more than chalk rock. So fierce was the current that great boulders were carried half a mile from the dam, being rolled over and over by the turbulent tide.

The power house which succumbed to the terrific wash of the water at 2 o'clock this morning, lies a mass of wreckage on the edge of the river, all the valuable machinery either having been thrown into the river or badly damaged by the falling timbers of the power house.

The Plant a Complete Wreck.
The wreck of the plant is complete. The situation in the city is most serious. The wreckage of the plant means that it will take several weeks to secure even a temporary water and light system, if it can be made possible even then. In the meantime the city will be in a bad sanitary condition. All the hotels, private residences, stores and the like are without water and there is no fire protection. Churches were unable to hold services to-night for want of light, and all public meetings were abandoned. The daily newspapers are handicapped in their publications, being deprived of their electric power.

The river is falling to-night. Reports from the neighboring country are to the effect that everything is under water. In Williamson county, north of here, railroad bridges and trackage have been laid waste and all trains have stopped running. Hundreds of head of cattle have been drowned and miles of fencing torn down and washed away. In Bastrop county and in the southern portion of this county, similar conditions prevail, everything being under water and much loss of property is reported.

The Country Inundated.
The country tributary to the Colorado river all the way down its course is being inundated, and while it is believed the worst is over, the loss as estimated to-night, will exceed some three million dollars, counting Austin as the largest loser. The list of drowned, according to reports up to to-night, is limited to those reported in the Associated Press dispatches last night, all of whom lost their lives here when the dam broke.

A mass meeting of citizens has been called for to-morrow in order that some steps may be taken to relieve the situation.

There were no trains operated on the International & Great Northern as much of its tracks and quite a number of bridges were washed away during last night. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad is also a heavy sufferer from a like cause.

Reports from several sections of Central and Southern Texas are to the effect that a large acreage is under water and much damage has been suffered in property and live stock.

THE RIVERS FALLING.
Crops Damaged, But Still Time For the Farmers to Replant.

HOUSTON, Texas, April 8.—As a rule the Texas rivers are now falling and there is not much danger of a general flood. The crops have been damaged over a wide area, but there is still time for farmers to re-plant if they can get the seed. Corn has been planted over once and will have to be planted the third time. The farmers as a rule have not planted much cotton because the heavy rains have kept them out of the fields. The railroads have lost many small bridges and it will be a week before traffic resumes its normal condition.

Tremendous Rains Have Fallen.
Smithville reports tremendous rains have fallen throughout that section, the main flood in the Colorado in a break in the great Austin reporting there this evening. This river is on a thirty-eight foot rise at 7 p. m. and rising one foot an hour. It is estimated that over five thousand acres of growing crops in the bottom lands within five miles of town have been inundated by from ten to fifteen feet. The loss will reach over \$50,000. The stock has been drowned. No deaths have been reported in that section so far from drowning. Cameron reports the flood in Little river now equals that of last July. The water works and power house have been overflowed. People were warned and no loss of life is reported.

Brushby, San Gabriel and Little rivers are all overflowed, causing the entire destruction of all crops. The rivers are still rising.

Reports from other points are of damage to crops, but no loss of life.

Bastrop reports many families of the town are encamped out under the pavilion at Fireman's Park, while others are ready at a moment's warning to flee to the hills. The water is at a standstill at a height of over forty-three feet. Bastrop is literally hemmed in by water now, and is cut off from the surrounding communities. Damage to crops lands and stocks cannot be estimated, but no lives are reported lost.

Brazos River Still Falling.
WACO, Texas, April 8.—The Brazos river, which has risen steadily since Wednesday, began to fall slowly at midnight last night and at an early hour to-night, had receded six feet. Information to-night from the tributaries of the Brazos say the rain has ceased and the river is falling. Reports of washouts on all railroads in the central part of the state continue to come in and it will be several days before traffic is resumed.

Closing Fight in the House on the Puerto Rican Tariff Bill—Vote Will Likely be Taken by Senate on Seat-ing of Senator Quay.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The feature of the week in the house will be the closing fight on the Puerto Rican tariff bill. The Republican managers will carry out the programme agreed upon in caucus on Wednesday, when a special rule will be presented, which will bring the motion to concur in the senate amendments to a vote after several hours of debate. Both sides are laboring earnestly to poll their full strength, but the Republicans appear to be confident that the motion will carry by a safe margin. They assert that the Republican opposition will not be over seven votes, the number who voted against the original bill. The agricultural appropriation bill will consume to-morrow and Saturday. Friday is private pension bill day, and Saturday is set apart for addresses on the receipt of the status of Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana.

AN EARLY ADJOURNMENT
Desired by the Republicans—The Clark Case to be Continued.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Senator Chandler probably will make an effort Monday to get the senate to agree upon a day for taking a vote on the resolution concerning the seating of Senator Quay. The present indications are that for the present he will fail to secure unanimous consent, and in any event the discussion of the resolution will proceed. The senators who are expected to engage in the discussion are Messrs. Burrows, Quarles, Platt, of Connecticut, all of whom oppose the seating of Mr. Quay. Mr. Burrows probably will speak Monday.

The Indian appropriation bill will continue to receive attention until disposed of, but it is not expected to occasion a great deal more debate.

Senator Proctor hopes to proceed with the consideration of the Alaskan code bill early in the week, with the hope of securing action at an early day. There are still some differences pertaining to maining rights to be adjusted in this measure, and more or less discussion necessarily will precede their determination. The appropriation bill for the District of Columbia probably will be considered during the week.

An Early Adjournment Desired.
On Wednesday Senator Lodge will ask the senate to vote upon the Philippines temporary, but he does not expect to accomplish more than to get a day fixed for the vote. There is apparently no disposition to debate this bill to any great extent, but an objection is likely to be entered on a vote at this time. The Republican senators are disposed to crowd on all possible sail with the view of securing early adjournment, and to this will seek to get early action on appropriation bills, and on other necessary legislation. The Democrats apparently are disposed to fall in with this idea, and they, too, express a desire to get away early in the summer.

The committee on elections will conclude its consideration of the case of Senator Clark, of Montana. Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee, expresses the opinion that only one sitting member of the committee will be necessary to determine the attitude of the committee.

A portion of the session of the senate of Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to eulogies upon the late Representative Bland, of Missouri.

AMERICAN PLATE MIRROR CO.
Organized by a Number of Well Known Glass Men.

PITTSBURGH, April 8.—The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg on Saturday with a capital of \$50,000,000. This company is composed of well known plate glass men who are identified with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, the Penn. Plate Glass Company, the Standard Plate Glass Company and the Ford Plate Glass Company. The new combine is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of American plate glass men to wrest the trade in this country from foreign manufacturers.

The board of directors of the new company is composed of E. S. Steinhilber, Cincinnati; A. F. Muller, Milwaukee; F. W. Von, Louisville; W. L. Kann, W. L. Clause, F. J. Klingler, Pittsburgh.

Will Not Wait For Steel.
PITTSBURGH, April 8.—The Carnegie Company, who received from the Gillette-Hertzog Manufacturing Company, of Minneapolis, the contract for structural iron to be used in the construction of the convention building at Kansas City, have commenced shipment of the material. Several cars have been loaded, and will start west during the night or early morning. As far as the Carnegie Company is concerned, the building can be completed to-morrow.

THE REBELS MADE ATTACK IN THE NIGHT.

Killed the Sentry and Ransacked the Houses in the Village, but Forced to Retire.

REQUEST FOR REINFORCEMENTS

Made by Generals Young and Bell. Party Took Refuge in a Church. Lieut. Gordon Wounded.

MANILA, Sunday, April 8.—Reports of encounters between the American troops and the insurgents continue to arrive from many points. On Friday Captain Sturgis, while reconnoitering, struck an insurgent outpost on the Havaliches road, five miles distant from Manila, killing two and capturing ten. All were in full uniform. Unfortunately Captain Sturgis' force was not large enough to pursue the main body.

A detachment of the Forty-second infantry, while scouting in Laguna province, was pursued by the insurgents, and obliged to take refuge in a church at Pacto, where the Americans repulsed the rebels until reinforcements arrived.

Lieut. Gordon, with a company of the Sixteenth infantry, while scouting near Aparri, Gaggayan province, engaged 250 insurgents. Lieut. Gordon was wounded.

Sergeant and Corporal Killed.
A sergeant and a corporal of Company "I," Eighteenth infantry, were killed in a severe fight in Capiz province, Island of Panay.

The insurgents made a night attack upon Calbayon, Island of Samar. They killed the sentry, swarmed into the town and searched the house of Major Gilmore, of the Forty-third infantry, who was absent. They killed his cook. Ultimately the Americans drove them out of the town, killing four and capturing twelve.

General Young, commanding in North Luzon, has made several requests for reinforcements, representing that his force is inadequate, and that the men are exhausted by the necessity of constant vigilance, that he is unable to garrison the towns in his jurisdiction, that the insurgents are returning to the district and killing the Amigos, and that it is necessary for him to inflict punishment in several sections before the rainy season begins.

General James Bell, who is in command in Southern Luzon, has made similar representations. He says his forces are inadequate, and that he merely holds a few towns, without controlling the territory.

The president of the town of Sanial, province of Bataan, Luzon, and another prominent native, have been assassinated, because they were known to be friendly to the Americans.

The president of another town has joined the insurgents because they had threatened to kill him if he did not.

SPEAKS FOR THE BOERS.
Webster Davis Delivers His First Lecture on the War—The Largest Auditorium in Washington Filled.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—An immense audience gathered at the Grand Opera House to-night, to listen to an address on the war in South Africa, from the Hon. Webster Davis, ex-assistant secretary of the Interior, who has just returned to the United States from that country. Every available bit of standing room in the opera house, the largest auditorium in Washington, was filled with auditors, who paid close attention to every word uttered by the speaker, and frequently manifested their appreciation of his telling points with frequent and generous applause. A score or more of public men, mainly senators and representatives in Congress, occupied seats on the stage and in the audience, among whom were the following: Senators Clay, Daniel, Teller, Bacon, Allen and Mason, and Representatives Talbert, Jett, Littlefield, Ridgeley, Robinson, of Indiana, Burke, of Texas, Ball, Gilbert, Latimer, Cox, of Tennessee, Cowherd, Clark, of Missouri, Barthold and Shafroth. Mr. Davis was introduced by Mr. P. T. Moran, the chairman of the executive committee, who made a few introductory remarks. Mr. Davis delivered his remarks in an off-hand, easy style, referring to his notes only occasionally, and mainly when it was necessary to read an extract from some document or speech. He spoke for about two hours, and at its close was warmly congratulated.

THE TURNERS MEETING
At Pittsburgh Was Well Attended. The German Athletic System Introduced in the Public Schools.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 8.—The thirty-sixth annual convention of the Turners of the Pittsburgh district was held in Allegheny Turner's hall, to-day, with nearly one hundred delegates in attendance. H. C. Bloedel, of Pittsburgh, made an address of welcome. It was represented that the membership of the Pittsburgh district numbers 2,484, against 3,131 a year ago, and that the assets of the combined societies is \$446,413, an increase of \$17,000 over last year.

Within the year the German athletic system of the Turners has been introduced in eight of the public schools of Pittsburgh, and seven in Allegheny. Homestead and McKeesport. For the annual national convention of the Turners at Philadelphia, in June, twenty-six delegates were elected to represent the district. Arrangements were made for an exhibition by members in the Pittsburgh district, to be given at Duquesne Gardens next month. Officers were elected as follows: Julius Wild, of Johnstown, president; George F. Falkenstein, McKeesport, vice president; Rinehart Uldrich, of Lawrenceville, secretary; Louis Schwab, of East Pittsburgh, assistant secretary.

UP FROM THE ASHES.
The Joseph Horne & Co. Will Resume Within a Few Days—Loss Will Amount to a Million and a Half.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 8.—A thorough inspection to-day of the Joseph Horne & Company department store building, where the big fire occurred last night, materially changed the estimate made at that time and of the loss and insurance. From the top story of the structure to the basement the stock, valued at \$1,000,000, is an almost total loss, either by fire or water, and the building, is damaged to the extent of at least \$250,000.

Both stock and building were fully insured. Joseph Alexander, the insurance broker, estimates the total insurance at \$1,500,000, placed in policies ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, and almost every company in the country is represented. The building is in bad shape, but the firm expects to resume business within ten or fifteen days. After their fire three years ago, it required twelve days to resume. This time it is the intention to break that record, if possible. The upper floors are absolutely wiped out, and the rear half of the roof has fallen to the sixth floor. Nothing remains on these floors but honeycombed terra cotta flooring and steel girders. General Manager Holcombe, of the firm, thinks the first three floors can be utilized for business within ten days. A meeting of the firm was held to-day, at which it was decided to start buyers out to-morrow for a new supply of goods. Temporary offices will be located in the Pittsburgh Dry Goods Company buildings, where all mail orders will be filled as soon as received. The vaults were uninjured and the firm's records are intact.

The firm employs 900 people, the majority of whom will be utilized during the reconstruction period.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery, but a most thorough investigation is being made to determine its cause.

A RELIGIOUS QUEEN.
Victoria Attends Religious Services in a Private Chapel—Took Her Customary Ride in the Afternoon.

DUBLIN, April 8.—This morning Queen Victoria attended service in the private chapel of the vice regal lodge, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Christian and Princess Henry of Battenberg. Her Majesty selected the hymns sung by the choir, which came from St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Archbishop of Dublin preached. Only a portion of the household were present as the chapel is a tiny building.

This afternoon, although the weather was unfavorable, the Queen took her customary drive, passing through Cabra, Finglas, Kilashane, Coppagh and Blanchardstown and through the beautiful valley of the Tolka. Everywhere she met with an enthusiastic reception. The rain to some extent marred the beauty of the drive; but large crowds awaited Her Majesty's return to Dublin and heartily cheered her.

The Queen's Kind Heart.
Another incident is told of the Queen's kindness of heart. It appears that, owing to the train delays, a party of children arrived yesterday too late for the children's reception. The Queen hearing of their disappointment through Lady Mayo, had them brought to the gates of the vice regal lodge to-day and then drove slowly through their ranks on her way to the country drive, of course to their keen delight.

The Queen to-day reiterated expressions of her extreme pleasure at the attendance yesterday of so many children. It is computed that quite 52,000 were present.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
To be Formed by Officers of the First and Second Regiments.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 8.—An order was issued yesterday from the adjutant general's office by Assistant Adjutant General Hutson granting to Col. C. N. Simms, of this city; Major W. W. Scott, of Fairmont; and Captain James E. Verlander, of Huntington, representing a number of officers in each regiment of the State National Guard, permission "to organize an association for the purpose of mutual benefit and improvement, to be known as the National Guard Association of West Virginia." The association is to be composed of the officers of the First and Second regiments of infantry and those of the signal corps and medical department, composing the active militia, and in the event of the addition of new regiments to the guard, the officers of those are to be eligible. Similar associations have already been formed in several other states.

Weather Forecast for To-day.
For Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, Cloudy Monday, with rain and colder in southern portions. Tuesday, rain; brisk northeasterly winds.

For West Virginia, Rain and colder Monday, Tuesday, rain; northeasterly winds.

Local Temperature.
The temperature Saturday as observed by C. Schenck, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. 58.2 p. m. 74
9 a. m. 61 p. m. 70
12 m. 73 Weather Fair.

Sunday.
7 a. m. 49.3 p. m. 71
9 a. m. 54.7 p. m. 68
12 m. 70 Weather Clear.